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Freedom rally opens minds

By LAURA DENIS
Valley Star Staff Writer

Sexual harassment, free speech and censorship in the classroom were confronted as students and teachers gathered together in protest at an academic freedom rally held Feb. 16 in Monarch Square.

The rally was held so that students and faculty could express their opinions concerning academic freedom in the classroom, the sexual harassment policy set by the Board of Trustees, and to provide support for Professor Chuck Jorgensen who has been accused of sexual harassment.

The harassment charge was filed against Jorgensen who decided to plead not guilty. Jorgensen has currently filed a law suit against the Board of Trustees. In his speech he thanked the students and faculty for their support and asked the audience to join him at the Board of Trustees meeting in downtown Los Angeles on March 3 to further protest the sexual harassment policy.

Jorgensen, Kelly Ross, and Farrel Browlasky along with students Jessie Dominguez and David Chavez were the featured speakers, however anyone attending the rally was encouraged to voice their opinion. According to Jorgensen, he was told at a committee meeting that if someone feels they have

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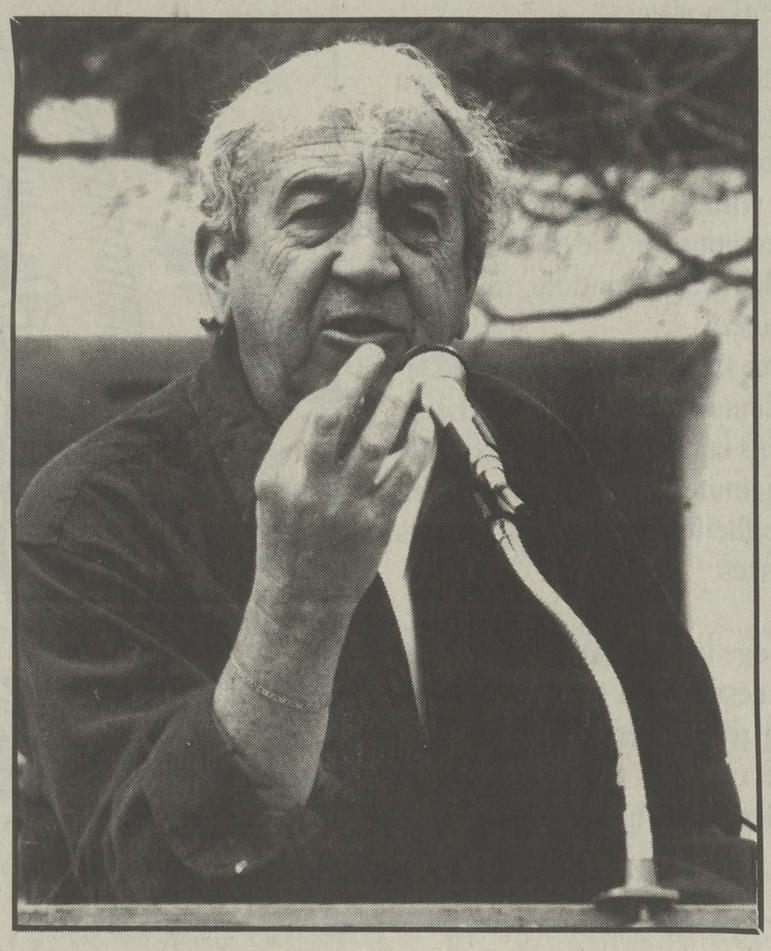

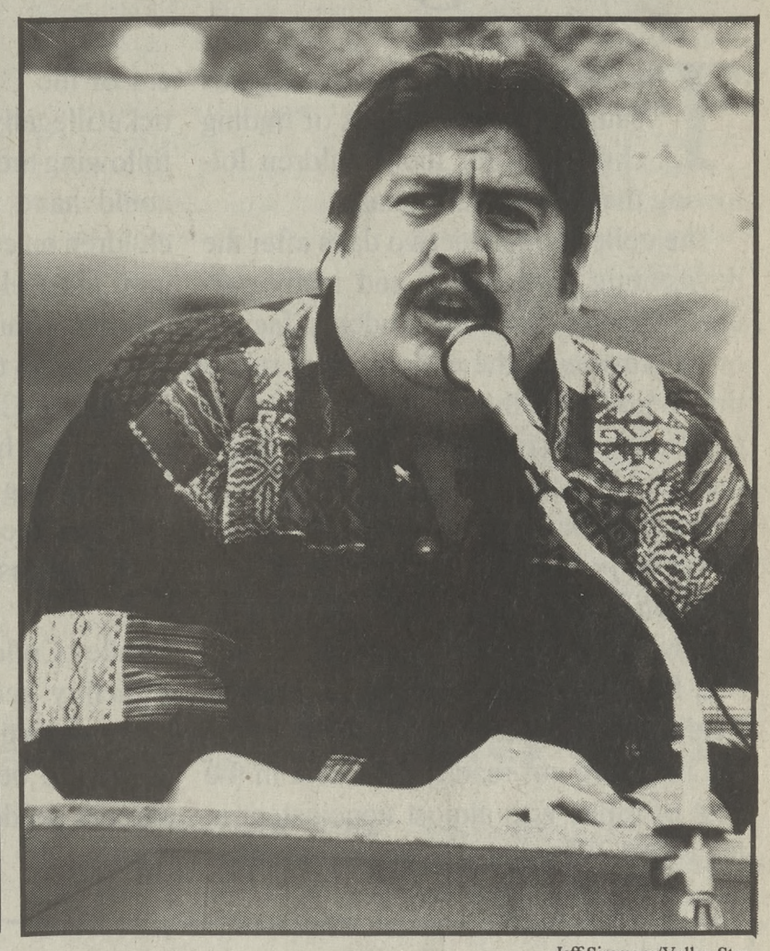

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Farrel Browslowsky and Jessie Dominguez speak at freedom of speech rally in Monarch Square

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Barbara Danon's four year old class practice earthquake drills at LAVC Child Development Center

College President served with no confidence vote Tuesday

by SARY FORNARIS
Valley Staff Writer

The Faculty Association and the Academic Senate served college President Mary E. Lee with their "Vote of No Confidence" communication at the Faculty Association meeting on Feb. 15.

The communication has three parts. The first part lists 17 grievances or "whereases" that were voiced by the teachers during their Feb. 9 General Faculty Meeting, and where the "no confidence vote" was passed. The meeting was headed by Faculty Association President, Jack Sterk.

Among the grievances are Lee's "unilateral decision" to open the college on Jan. 19, two days after the Northridge earthquake; the inadequacy of the school phone system to handle emergencies of the school telephone system; that the college "was unprepared to deal with this disaster because no disaster plan has been developed;" that the "decision offered no time for many faculty, staff and students to get their personal affairs in order;" and that "the decision ran contrary to the principles of shared governance as mandated by AB 1725 and Title 5 Revisions."

The second and third parts of the communication deal with what response the faculty wants from Lee, and the consequences if the requests are not met.

Among the requests to Lee are: to "acknowledge, in writing, to the college community the validity of the feelings and concerns" in the whereases; and to agree to develop "a plan for shared governance to be implemented in all future emergency situations."

If the requests are not met, "The Senate will revoke its agreement for the shared governance structure... and/or all faculty will cease to participate in any collegewide or shared grievances committees including accreditation," says the document.

During an interview, Lee said she told the Faculty members at the meeting "I would respond to this communication from the Senate within a week."

At the Feb. 9 faculty meeting, teachers, staff members and student leaders who disagree with Lee's decision to start Spring semester classes on Jan. 19, said her decision jeopardized their safety and was not reached to through the shared governance process.

Share governance is the process through which the administration, faculty and student leaders reach to decisions affecting the college.

"To my knowledge, only campus personnel said buildings were safe," said librarian Dave May. "The building inspector came on Thursday and the state engineer came on Friday, but classes started on Wednesday."

Dominick Ramos, professor of Office Administration, who made the motion for the "no confidence" vote, had also questioned the expertise of the administration personnel in earthquake evaluation. Ramos said his "message" to the administration was that when a decision which might jeopardize the safety of others is taken, "you should think of (students and faculty) first and not just go by the power of the president."

"I was not consulted nor was any of my staff," said Don Graham Jr., president of the Associated Student Union, regarding Lee's decision to open the school. He also said his organization would support whatever decision the faculty agreed on.

In her office, Lee said that structural engineers from W.D. Coffey

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Quake rattles child care

JEANETTE GOLDBERG
Valley Star Staff Writer

On Jan. 18, an estimated 600,000 to 700,000 school-aged children had no school to attend. As a result of the Northridge Earthquake all LAUSD, many other public and private schools did not re-open, awaiting structural evaluations and clean-up of their facilities. Parents throughout the San Fernando, Santa Clarita Valleys and surrounding areas were at a dilemma if they needed child care.

When Valley College opened on Jan. 19, the parent population of the college had to make decisions whether or not to come to campus, with or without their children.

According to Larry Merkle, Acting Director, of Valley College's Child Development Center, the campus child care center was well prepared for any disaster with extra food, water, thermal blankets, flashlights and emergency lights built into the structure. "When I found out that the college was opening on Wednesday, I came in to make sure that the center could be opened." Merkle said, "There was no damage, no books fell."

Merkle recalled that the first week of Spring classes, was also the first week following the earthquake. Only 12 pre-registered children attended the facility, so Merkle accepted school-age siblings of children already enrolled in the program. By Friday, Jan. 21st, enrollment increased to 30 children.

Merkle said "I would not have taken the older siblings, if it had jeopardized the College or had been dangerous." he continued, "I would not have opened this facility if it was not in full working order."

According to Ron Garner of the Child Care Resource Center in North Hollywood. Licenses issued to child care providers, does allow flexibility during a disaster. "The only requirement is that the child care provider does not exceed the teacher/child ratio's demanded by State law, and that there is no danger to the children utilizing the facility."

The Child Care Resource Center was closed the first few days following the earthquake. According to Garner parents were on their own, because most child care providers could not be reached by phone and were closed, some facilities even red-tagged.

The second week after the earthquake, only some San Fernando Valley schools had opened. Many campuses were still cleaning, inspecting, without heat and run-

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News Note

Quake Blood Shortage

The ASU will sponsor a Blood Donor Day on Friday Feb. 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., in the Fireside Room in Monarch Hall. Donors must be 17 years or older, 110 pounds or more and be in good health. Appointments are recommended but walk-ins are okay. Call. 780-0652.

Graduation Petition Deadline

Deadline for filing for Fall 94 graduation is Tues., March 1, 1994. Petitions available in Graduation Office -Admission building room 127. Call Ext.403.

New Horizons Center

The New Horizons, a single parent support group, will hold its first Spring meeting today from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. The group meets every Thursday in bungalow 14. Contact Director Barbara Goldberg at extension 332 or 246.

Tau Alpha Epsilon

TAE scholarship checks are available now at the Business Office. You must have a photo ID. For certificate of participation contact Laurie Roberts at 818-908-0642.

Valley installs Automated Teller Machine

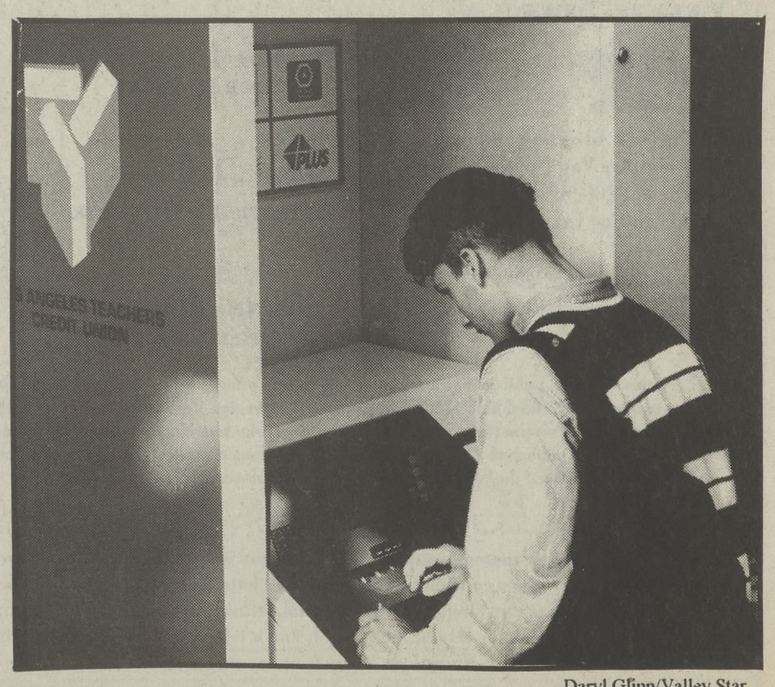
Short on cash? Need a few extra dollars to by that last textbook? You are in luck! An Automated teller has just been installed at Valley College.

The machine is located at the main entrance to Monarch hall directly across from the Financial Aid office.

The ATM accepts all major bank cards including Star and Cirrus.

The machine was paid for by the Los Angeles Teachers Credit Union, and members will not be charged a surcharge. Other bank cards are subject to charges by varying banks.

-Compiled by Amanda L. Duchow



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LAVC student David Chavez tries out new ATM in Monarch Hall

Editorial

Finding child care in chaos

The Valley College community was caught up in the chaos of finding child care for their children following the Jan. 17 earthquake.

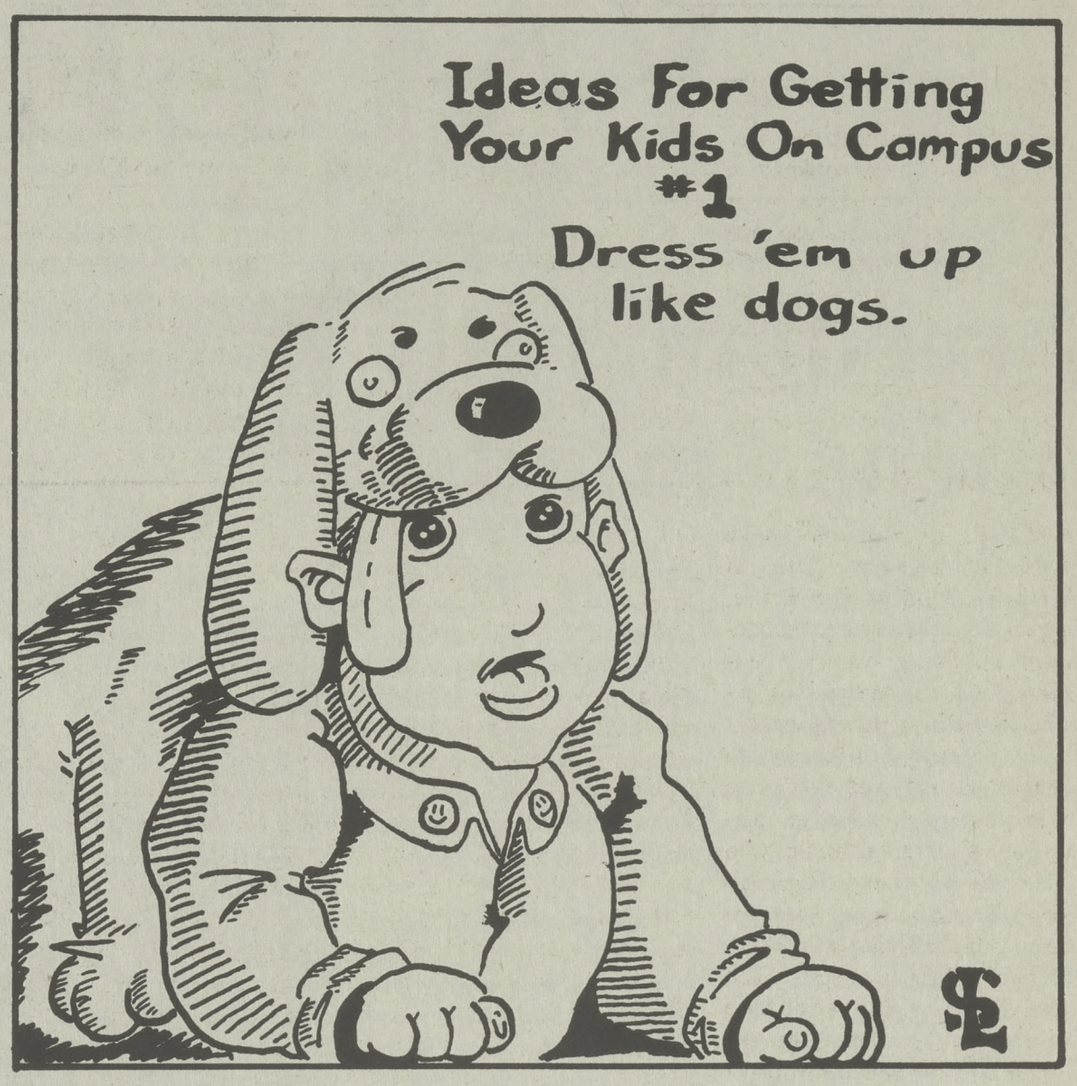
The college opened two days after the devastating earthquake, and many parents, whether they were students, faculty or employees of the college were reluctant to just leave their children and return to business as usual. Many, in fact, brought their children to campus in order to work and attend classes.

While policies and rules may restrict children from attending classes and bringing children to the workplace, the Valley Star Staff believes that during a disaster, flexibility must be exercised.

Child care not readily available in the best of times was almost nonexistent in the worst. If Parking Enforcement Officers of the City of Los Angeles did not ticket illegally parked cars for three weeks following the earthquake, Valley College could have withstood the presence of children on campus for one or two weeks until most elementary, middle, and high schools resumed.

Kudos go to the on-campus Child Development Center Acting Director Larry Merkle and his staff for having flexibility and allowing limited numbers of children to utilize the facility while their parents attended classes.

Valley College is fortunate to have such a facility accessible to students, especially during a disaster, when children needed to be close to their parents and parents needed to be close to their children.



Where the fault lies

By TIFFINIE P. McENTIRE and VINCENT NICOLETTI
Valley Star Staff Writers

As the dust settles and the aftershocks subside, here are some rhetorical questions to ponder in the midst of your post-quake insomnia:

Was talking to your neighbor for the first time in 10 years worth it?

Was escaping from your television for a few days an enlightening experience?

Aren't 350 days of sunshine worth a little shake-up?

Do you think the possibility of less people moving to California in the future is a desirable perk?

Wasn't the break the Los Angeles Parking Enforcement gave to parking violators for three weeks great?

Wasn't it relieving to be alive after the worst disaster in L.A.'s history?

Didn't you want to spend more time with your parents? How about that quality time with your kids?

How about some school's being closed?

What about ours being open?

Aren't you glad you don't have to shovel snow?

What about a good excuse for a vacation?

Weren't people's dazed expressions amusing?

Didn't it make you ponder the unexplainable randomness of mother nature?

Is there some meaning to all this?

Why didn't someone tell us this was going to happen? Or did they?

Wasn't it a bummer that the disaster had to be a tragedy too?

Have you ever been on the earthquake ride at Universal Studios? Don't you feel like an expert?

How about the opportunity to sleep under the stars?

Haven't you asked yourself at one time or another to be shaken out of your boredom?

Aren't you glad it wasn't your fault?

How much have you paid for less exciting events?

How about everybody being humbled at the same time?

Wasn't the city-wide blackout helpful in seeing stars you didn't even know were there?

Wasn't it kind of fun to camp out in your living room with your friends?

Wasn't it fun to barbecue in January?

Isn't candlelight romantic?

Wasn't it great to not have to wash dishes for awhile?

Wasn't it good practice for the next one?

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Letters to the editor

❐ Part-time instructor says it was critical to attend post-quake opening

Dear Editor:

In the heated discussion between Valley College administrators and faculty representatives regarding resuming the normal class schedule after the earthquake, I'd like to make these comments.

As a part-time instructor in the English Department for many years, I met with my class the first Wednesday this semester. Feeling it was critical my students be reassurred, I left my aged mother in my home in Tarzana alone for the few hours it took to cross the Valley and teach.

The full-timers, who have complained so bitterly about having to work during this crisis represent an unfortunate attitude. If teachers' homes were severely damaged or they were out on the streets, they obviously could not work. But those who protested having to show up at Valley because of the general condition of Los Angeles, I think, were out of line. True professionals are good soldiers.

Students should be aware of the contributions part-time instructors make without the benefits of full-time instructors including a higher salary. We are limited to six hours of hourly pay per week while the District receives the ADA money from the State per class no matter what the arbitrary status of the teacher is, thereby cheating both part-time instructors and their students.

Students should pressure the administration and the AFT College Guild, which represents both categories of instructors, to establish pro-rata pay, medical and other benefits, plus one paid office hour each week.

Instructors with no office hours should be so designated in each class schedule.

Roselle M. Lewis
English Department

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been sexually harassed, then they have been. "You cannot know in advance whether or not what you're saying will get you into trouble," said Ross.

The rally was organized by Chavez and Andrew Embuido for the ASU in support of the decision reached by the History, Humanities, Law and Political Science (HHLPS) departments to denounce the current sexual harassment policy because it is too vague.

Clubs set up booths, played music, sold baked goods and served ethnic foods in support of the rally. A representative from each club either spoke about the importance of freedom of speech or they promoted their club's activities.

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ning water. And still many Valley college parents were effected. In her memo, President Mary E. Lee, addressed the issue of unauthorized children on campus. Students, staff and faculty took exception to the president's memo.

Lee's memo was in response to complaints received by Tyree Wieder, Vice President of Academic Affairs, from faculty who felt it was disruptive to have children in the classroom. "For seven days people had brought their children and dogs on campus. I felt that after seven days, we all have to get our lives in order." Lee said. The president felt that it was her responsibility to limit the liability of the District in regards to the safety of the children who accompanied parents to the campus.

Lee was very strong in her response to criticism to the memo. "I did not direct anyone to do anything! I was careful in my wording, I asked!" According to Lee no one was going to be run off, or disciplined, but her purpose was to put responsibility on parents to find care for their children.

For child-care needs contact a resource/referral agency to locate an affordable, quality facility. The Child Care Resource Center, 5077 Lankershim Blvd, North Hollywood, is State funded and services the Santa Clarita, San Fernando and Antelope Valleys. "Most child care is available for children ages three to five years old. But for infants and school-age children there is a greater problem." Garner reports.

According to Garner the main problem is expense, $150 a week is too much for the average income person, much less low-income parent. Another problem is child care providers cannot take very many children if they accept infants because of adult/child ratio regulations. Licensed child care fall into two categories: Independent Child Care centers, private, profit and non facilities such as the one located at Valley College. The other is Family care programs, operated out of a private individual's home. Each much adhere to specific rules and regulations including teacher/child ratio, safety factors, earthquake preparedness, to maintain their licenses.

The child care needs of Valley students, staff and faculty mirror those of the community. Mary S. Spangler, Dean of Student Services, did not have actual numbers, but she guesstimated that at least one third of Valley college students are parents with child care needs.

The reality was that eventhough a week after the earthquake there were some family care centers available. There just were no places for school-age children who would ordinarily be in a classroom during the day, according to Garner.

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& Associates inspected the college on Feb. 18, and determined that it had no structural damage.

"The decision to open the school was not a psychological question it was a facilities question." Lee said. "On Feb. 18, the (Community College District) Chancellor, Neil Yoneji), called to ask how was the campus. I asked Mary Ann Breckell, is the campus safe? She said yes."

Lee said it was important to start on Wednesday because "not everyone had been damaged." She mentioned that articles about the psychology on how to deal with situations after an d earthquake "tells you to get back to normalcy as soon as possible."

Other issues dealt with at the Feb. 9 meeting were Lee's absence and her failure to publicly validate the teachers concerns. Vice President of Administration, Mary Ann Breckell, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Tyree O. Wieder, were not present neither.

"I am very angry at the administrators," said counselor Henrietta Sparks. "because I think we are being treated with scorn. I think it is cowardly that at least one of them is not here to meet us."

Head of the Art department Henry Kline, said "There has been no acknowledgment from the administration of an ill decision."

To these complaints Lee said that this was a regular meeting and that Sterk was aware that she had "a presentation to make at the Budget Meeting to the Board Committee."

We at the Valley Star wish to express our deepest sympathy to family and friends of 18 year old Myrna Velasquez, a second semester Administration of Justice student. She was killed in the collapse of the Northridge Meadows apartment complex, Jan. 17, 1994.

Wilson proposes college fee hikes again

byTIFFINIE P. McENTIRE
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An increase in student fees, from $13 per unit to$20 per unit, has been proposed by Governor Pete Wilson in the state budget for 1994-95. This increase in undergraduate fees would be the third to effect community college students since Wilson took office in 1991.

"We are taking the initiative to go against Wilson in the budget battle," said Associated Student Union (ASU) Director of Student Affairs Amy Foster. "On April 11 we are having a rally-in-the-round (a rally of students to surround the four entrances of the capitol building) which will start in San Diego, go to L.A. and Bakersfield, and will end up in Sacramento.

"We will have students from California community colleges, University of California and California State schools to protest the budget."

Should the proposed budget pass through State Assembly, it will provide $2.742 billion for community colleges, an increase from the $2.705 billion projected for 1993-94. According to a California Community College News Release, the budget will include $32.2 million above 1993-94 funding for enrollment growth.

"We feel a substantial fee increase could result in a large number of students not being able to enter higher education," said Chancellor of California Community Colleges David M. Mertes.

Wilson's budget will also introduce special funding to implement recommendations made by the Commission on Innovation, a board of business people designated to streamline California's communitycolleges, which proposed ways to lower the per-pupil cost of instruction. According to Foster this steamlining would eventually cut funding for classes and instructors in the humanities, such as philosophy, art and anthropology, and would maintain courses in English, mathematics, business and science at community colleges.

Another $10 million would be set aside for new technology which would link community colleges by telecommunication networks.

"Wilson's budget is mostly good news for the state's 107 community colleges," said Mertes. "Overall, we are quite pleased with the proposed community college funding." Since the $5 a unit and $50 a semester maximum was introduced to California in 1984, community college fees have crept up consistently to their present standing. In 1991 fees were raised to $6 per unit with a $60 maximum, followed by the spring of 1993 when fees increased to $10 per unit for undergraduates, and $50 per unit with no maximum for students with bachelor's degrees. Undergraduate fees are presently $13 per unit with no maximum, with $50 per unit with no maximum for students holding bachelor's degrees.

Funds for Spring semester spent

By LAURA DENIS
Valley Star Staff Writer

The Feb. 8 meeting of the Los Angeles Valley College Budget Committee revealed a $3,000 Learning Center deficit,a $9,000 foreign recruitment grant,summer budget plans,and no funds remaining for school postage.

The learning center spent its entire year's budget plus $3,000 in the 1993 fall semester. "Tutors were hired beyond the number that they were supposed to hire," said Budget Committee Chair Marty Hittelman. The Learning Center is not broke. It has access to $5,000 in enrollment fees however, and it wants to make up the debt before tapping into any other funds. The committee agreed to pay for the debt because as Hittelman said, "There's no way we can't cover it (debt). It's there so we're going to have to cover it."

The Learning Center has also gone to the Associated Student Union and requested an additional $3,500. The ASU said it would probably be able to grant the Learning Center the additional funds. This will give the Learning Center an $8,500 budget for the Spring semester. If they need additional funds Hittelman said, "It might be a good idea for them to come to us and tell us what's going on. If they need more money they have to make a presentation."

To correct the postage debt problem a motion was carried to remove $8,000 to $10,000 from another expenses account into a postage account. This money should sustain the school until the end of the spring semester.

One percent of projected foreign student enrollment income totalling $9,000 has been made available to the Office Of International Students by LAVC President Mary E. Lee. This action raised many questions as to how this money is spent since the money does not directly help LAVC. The committee members agreed that this money is needed in other areas. A motion was carried to ask President Lee to re-examine the policy.

The 1994-95 summer school budget has been allotted the same budget as last year to accommodate the same number of classes.

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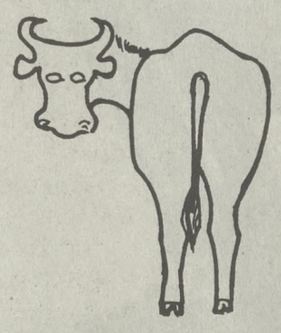
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Joan Blair, Ashley Kelly, Mary Louise O'Brien, and Lee Averre rehearsing the seizure scene

"Steel Magnolias" opens tonight in Little Theatre

By VINCENT NICOLETTI
Valley Star Staff Writer

The Valley Collegiate Player's production of *Steel Magnolias* opens tonight at 8pm in the Little Theatre.

The play was written by Robert Harling and is directed by Jessica Miller. Miller, a theatre arts student here, is a graduate of CSUN and holds a BA in screenwriting and a BA in English as well.

This is her debut as a director.

The play's main characters are six veteran female actors enrolled in Valley's Theatre and Cinema Arts Department.

Miller, the play's director, said it was a "pleasure to be able to have actors of the same caliber," referring to the high level of professionalism demonstrated by the six women.

Miller, who studied at the Lee Strasberg Theatre Institute admitted that "it's hard to direct your peers. You can't dictate the creative process. Actors must add their own input but I need to maintain some level of creative control."

Miller said working with these women, for her, was the equivalent of a painter "having a really good set of paints."

Sunshine Bainbridge plays Annelle. Bainbridge starred in last semester's production of "In the Middle of Grand Central Station."

Lee Averre plays Truvy. Averre appeared in last semester's holiday production of "You Can't Take It With You."

Joan Blair's character is Clair. Blair studied at the Herbert-Bergof Studio in New York.

Mary Louise O'brien plays Shelby and was seen as Alice in "You Can't Take it With You."

Ashley Brooke Kelly, who plays M'Lynn, has several LAVC credits including an "Outstanding Performance Award."

Deborah Renee Lande is Ouiser and has many credits including an LAVC award, as well as having directed the show "Cinderella Waltz."

arts & entertainment

Calendar

Theatre: *Steel Magnolias* opens tonight in the Little Theatre of the Theatre Arts building at 8pm. Performances will run Friday and Saturday night and next week on Feb. 24,25,26. All shows are at 8pm. Admission is $6 general and $4 for students with ID and senior citizens. For imformation and reservations call 818 781-1200 ext. 353.

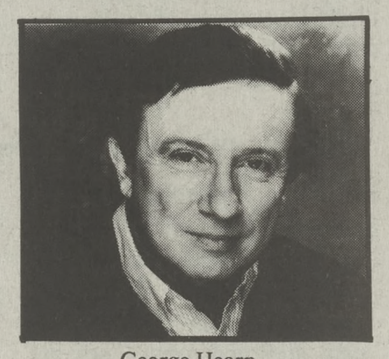
Music: *George Hearn*, baritone, co-star of *Sunset Blvd*, performs Thursday, February 24 at 11am in the Music Recital Hall in the Music building. Admission is free.

Film: *Sunset Boulevard* starring William Holden, Wednesday, February 23 1:30pm in Bsc101.

campus concert series

Sunset Boulevard's George Hearn sings

By JOHN LEVINE
Valley Star Staff Writer



George Hearn

George Hearn, Emmy and Tony award winning actor, will perform in concert at Los Angeles Valley College (LAVC) Feb. 24.

Hearn, who plays Max the butler in the Broadway musical "Sunset Boulevard," will offer songs from the musical as well as a variety of other Broadway hits. The program will include "The Greatest Star of All," Andrew Lloyd Weber's hit from "Sunset Boulevard."

Hearn will be accompanied on the piano by LAVC music professor Dr. Robert Chauls.

The concert is scheduled for 11:00 a.m., and will kick-off LAVC's Thursday morning concert series. Hearn will perform in the Music Recital Hall, Music Building room 106.

The concert was arranged by Leslie Hearn, an LAVC student and wife of George Hearn. The pair met during the Broadway run of the hit show, "La Cage Aux Folles." Leslie Hearn was a dancer in that show, while George Hearn played the role of Albin, for which he won a Tony Award.

Hearn's other Broadway roles have included performances in "Sweeny Todd," "I Remember Mama," and "Meet me in St. Louis." He also starred in the New York City Opera's production of "Kismet," and the films, "See You in the Morning," and "Sneakers."

Dianne Wintrob, of the Valley College music department, is extremely excited about this semesters concert series. "The Hearn concert is a terrific way to start the concert series for this semester. It is a wonderful way to draw in both students and their families, as well as people from off campus. This semester we will have a wide variety of guests, ranging from singers to pianists. In April we will have a concert by Maria Newman, a known violinist, and later this semester we will have a performance by the LAVC philharmonic choir and orchestra," said Wintrob.

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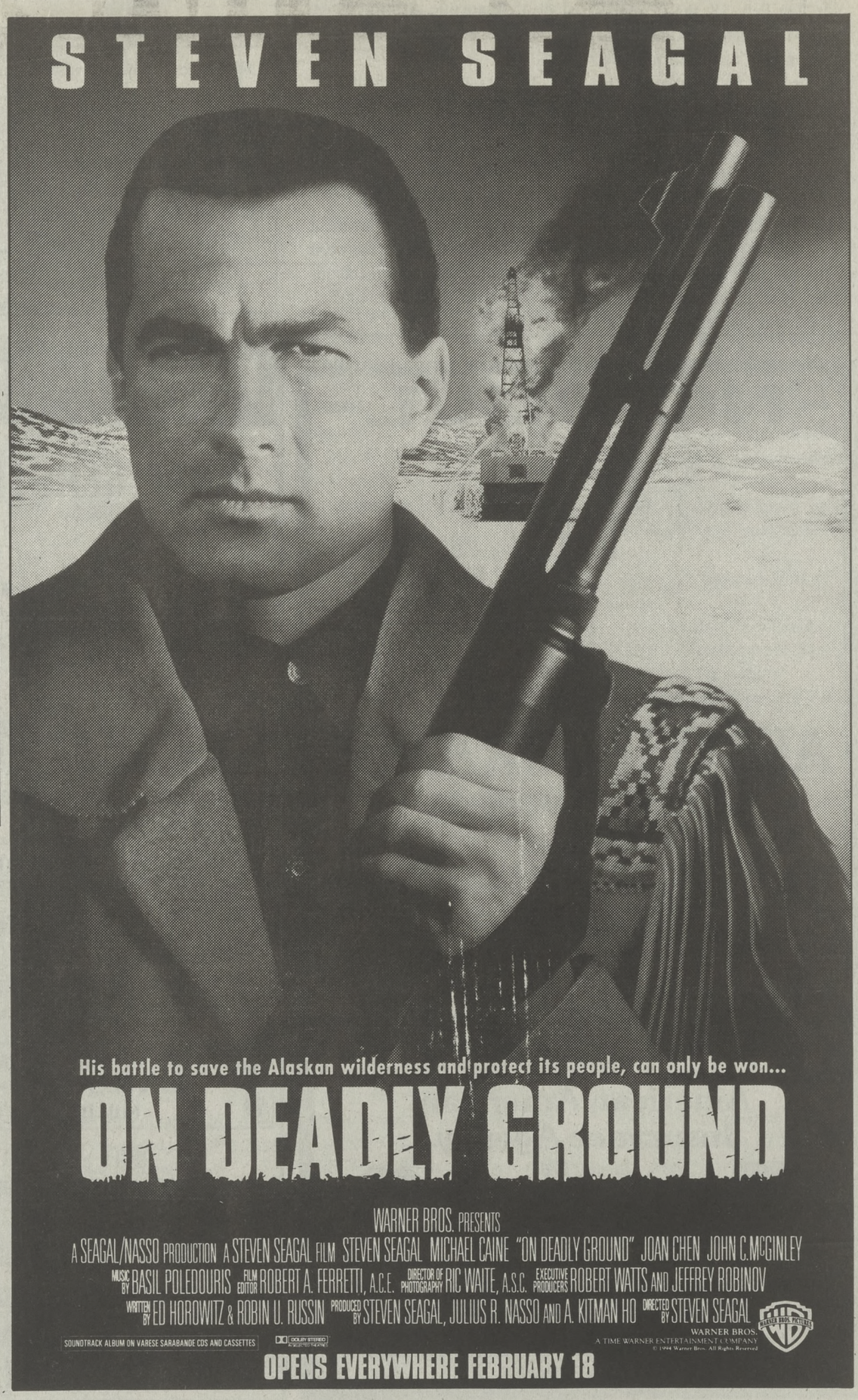
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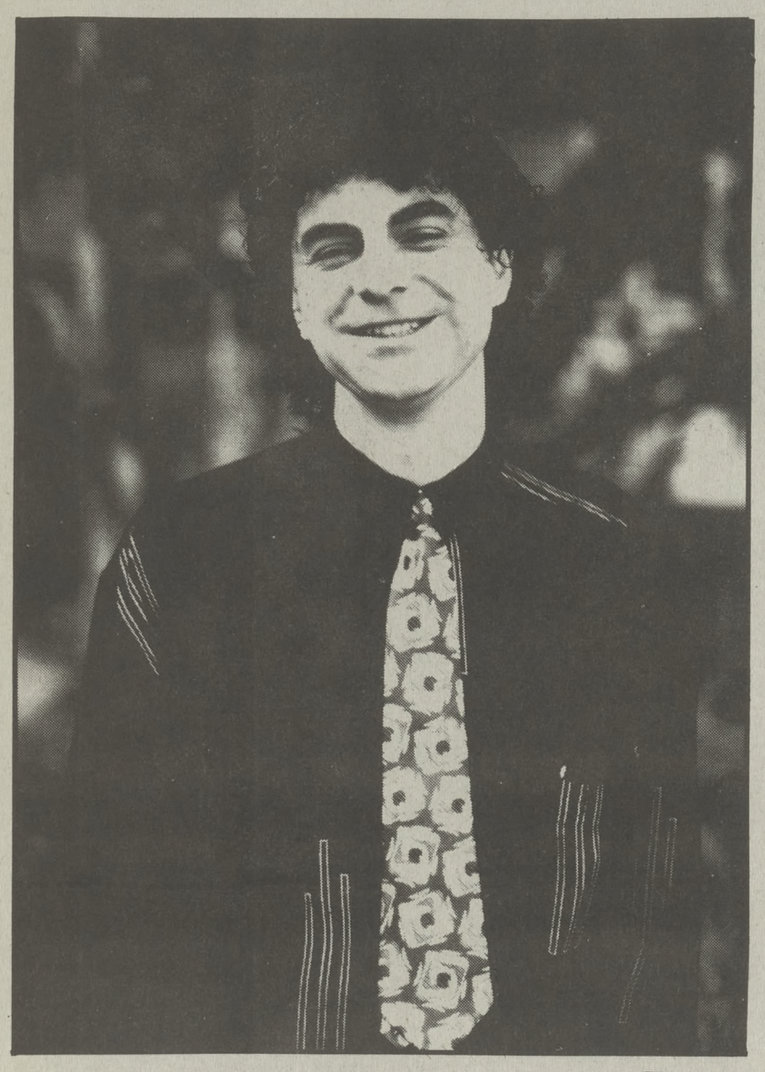

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Professor Michael Vivian keeps jail visitation program running strong

Students go directly to jail

By JOHN LEVINE
Feature Editor

"Why help the scum of the earth?" asks Michael Vivian, Professor of Sociology in the introduction to his sociology 385 Jail/ Juvenile Hall Visitation class. "If this is your attitude, we don't want you, he continues. It's true that some of our kids are so bad that their families and even the priests, won't visit them. And yes some of our jailed adults are functionally illiterate prostitutes who support drug habits before their children. So why do our students make a commitment to help? Because alternatives must be found to the 'lock-the-door-and-throw-away-the-key' mentality that is costing California billions in squandered tax dollars."

Each semester Vivian enrolls a group of nonjudgmental and excited students to work with him in the Jail Visitation Program. "In the past, I've been very impressed with what I have found. This is because my students 'have their act together' and can listen to other people's problems without becoming shocked, overly depressed, or unglued. My students are disciplined, they do what they say they are going to do and can meet specific deadlines," he explains.

The students in the class are trained by, and work in conjunction with Friends Outside (F.O.).

The F.O. staff and Vivian provide the students with a knowledge of the conditions inside Central Juvenile Hall (CJH) and the largest jails in the nation, Sybil Brand Institute (SBI) and Men's Central Jail (MCJ).

On Feb. 4 the class and Vivian were given a tour of SBI which allowed them to see the inside of a functioning jail. Students found themselves deeply affected by the overcrowding, the unbearable living conditions, and the diversity of those incarcerated.

Through their work students learn about typical offenders and victims, how to make referrals to rehabilitation programs, and the problems that inmates and their families face.

Once a week students focus on two assigned inmates at one of the three facilities. The duties performed at the adult facilities, SBI and MCJ, are similar, and include the designing of release plans, the finding of drug rehabilitation programs, the locating and contacting of family members, or simply listening and being a supportive nonjudgemental friend. "There is no 'cold approaching' of inmates, everyone has asked for help," says Vivian.

The students who work at CJH, find themselves in a different role. "The visits are direct contact, and the purpose of the program is to provide minors with a nonjudgmental, listening ear to relieve frustration and anxiety, to serve as a positive role model, and to present minors with alternatives and options available upon their release. There is no question that our program has already saved lives, as well as tax dollars, we just don't get any medals or get on "60 minutes" for our work," explains Vivian.

Vivian has brought to Valley College a program that is not widespread. University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) has started to develop the program on their campus. And he has provided students the ability to gain an insight into the system that they eventually hope to work within. "Our objective is to help incarcerated adults and high-risk youths in juvenile detention," he concludes.

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Valley College Sports Callendar

Men's Basketball

vs.West L.A., Friday, Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m. at North Hollywood High.

Note: Playoffs start Saturday, Feb. 26 and run through Saturday March 12.

Women's Basketball

vs. Pierce, Friday, Feb. 18, 5:15 p.m. at North Hollywood High.

Note: Playoffs start Wednesday, Feb. 23 and run through Saturday, March 5.

Swimming

Santa Monica Relays: Saturday, Feb. 19, 2 p.m. at Santa Monica.
LAVC at Fullerton: Wed., Mar.2

Track

WSC mini meet #1 at Santa Barbara, 2 p.m.
WSC mini meet #2 at Santa Monica, 2 p.m.

Baseball

Thurs.-Sun., Feb. 17-20: Casey Stengal Tournament: time and place TBA.

Tues., Feb. 22 Antelope Valley at LAVC 2 p.m.

Thurs., Feb. 24, East L.A. at LAVC 2 p.m.

Tues., March 1, LAVC at Bakersfield 2 p.m.

Thurs. March 3, Glendale at LAVC 2 p.m.

Alexander Szuch/Valley Star

Head Coach Doug Michelson directs his new team during practice.

Athlete of the month

Joseph Wang /Valley Star

The 6'2" starting center for the Lady Monarch basketball team, Cicely Brewster, was a redshirt (she sat the year out) at Long Beach State last season.Brewster transfered to Valley this season. A graduate of Van Nuys High School, Brewster made the All-Tournament Team at the FullertonTournament last December. Brewster averaged 12 points and 15 rebounds with the Monarchs in December and had a season high 21 rebounds against Fres no City.

compiled by - Hovik Kazanchyan

Monarchs get routed

By HAROLD BROWN
Valley Star Staff Writer

The Santa Monica City College Corsairs routed the Los Angeles Valley College Monarchs by a score of 99-72 in men's basketball Saturday night at Santa Monica. The game was clearly out of reach for the Monarchs midway through the second half. The Corsair defense forced the Monarchs to turn the ball over, and take longer shots that just weren't falling. These types of errors are costly in single tournment play, where one loss means elimination.

Craig Griffin led the Monarchs with 18 points, Kenyth Henry had 12 points and Darius Moses did the heavy work under the basket with seven points and 10 rebounds.

The Corsairs had seven players in double figures.

The Lady Monarchs played tough throughout their game against the Lady Corsairs, but lost on a three point shot with 17 seconds left by Christina Jaus of the Corsairs.

The Monarchs trailed the whole game, and Jaus's shot put them behind 51-50. With time running out Nicole Baines of the Monarch's was able to get off one more shot. The shot did not go, but the Monarchs thought she was fouled. The officials ruled that the clock had expired.

Jaus led the Corsairs with 18 points and Baines led the Monarchs with 15 points and 10 rebounds.

The last game of the season is Feb 18 against West Los Angeles College at North Hollywood High School 7:30 p.m.

Weekly Column

Bring back the Lion's pride

By HOVIK KAZANCHYAN
Sports Editor

The Lady Monarch's basketball team has been struggling this season under new Coach John Taylor. For a team with an impressive history, the Lady Monarchs have not lived up to the expectations of Valley College.

Under Doug Michelson, now the men's basketball coach, the Lady Monarchs were in the State Finals twice, and the State Semi-Finals two times in the last five years.

This year's team could do the same, maybe even win it all. However, those teams had good regular seasons as well as terrific post-seasons. This years team had 13 wins and 17 losses before Wednesday's (Feb. 15) game against College of the Canyons.

The Lady Monarchs have presented a decent showing in the conference, with 5 wins and 3 losses. Once the playoffs come, anything could happen. As for the regular season, it has been very disappointing considering the fact that in the last five seasons the Lady Monarchs have averaged 30 wins and 5 losses, the 13-17 record doesn't seem right.

Let's hope the Lady Monarchs can adapt to Taylor's coaching and compete the way they have in the past, and bring some pride back to women's basketball.

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